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Relations between the Cominform and the Lebanese and Syrian Communist Parties

1. Liaison between the Cominform and the Syrian and Lebanese Communist Parties is conducted by the Soviet Minister, Daniel Soled, who is only a semi-official representative of the Cominform, as the latter does not have a special representative in Lebanon and Syria.*
2. Although before World War II the Comintern maintained relations with the Lebanese-Syrian Communist Party indirectly (through the French Communist Party), these Lebanese and Syrian Parties now have independent relations with the Cominform, in the same manner as do all other Communist Parties.

Cominform Instructions to the Party in November 1948

3. The Cominform sent strongly-worded instructions to the Lebanese Party through the Soviet Legation in November 1948, concerning the necessity of teaching the history of the Bolshevik Party to all Communist comrades. The Central Committee transmitted these instructions in the form of internal bulletins to all its groups and ordered them to comply with the instructions, so that they might learn from this history the methods of applying the principles of revolution.

Communist Party Blacklists

4. The Communist Party has drawn up blacklists of persons who are working against the Communists in Lebanon. Since January, according to source, three such lists have been distributed to Communists, with instructions to keep watch on the persons listed. The first list, distributed in January, contained 24 names of Lebanese informants of the Lebanese Surete. The second, distributed in February, contained 19 names of persons who are collaborating with the Americans and the British. The third, distributed in March, contained the names of 29 foreigners in Lebanon who are working against the Communists.

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5. The Communist Party has not yet published openly the names of all its enemies, but has announced the names in its internal bulletins. These enemies include among official leaders, "in the first degree," Nuri Sa'id Pasha in Iraq and Camille Shamun in Lebanon; "in the second degree," Riyad Sulh, Jamil Mardam, and Hamid Franjiyyah. Among non-officials are listed Antun Sa'idah, head of the Syrian Popular Party, and all members of his Party.

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* ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. According to ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ in April 1948 Khalid Baghdash was named as the Cominform representative in the Middle East. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 25X1X6

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